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ABSTRACT

This article attempts to educate the public about Guam and lists URLs for various public and private organizations in Guam and Micronesia. Guam, an unincorporated United States territory, is the economic and transportation hub for the Western Pacific region of Micronesia, which includes some 1,200 islands, islets, and atolls, only about 125 of which are inhabited by a total of approximately 400,000 people. Guam itself is home to about 150,000 residents and the destination of more than 1,000,000 tourists annually who come from Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, and other places. The population of Guam includes the indigenous Chamorro (or Chamoru) people, other Micronesia and Pacific islanders, Japanese, Filipinos, and other Asians, United States military personnel and their dependents, and other "statesiders." When a military need arises, Guam serves Washington's interests in Asia, but most of the time Guam is forgotten in America. The people of Guam expressed their wish to change their political relationship with the United States in a 1982 vote. Guam is now as near and immediate as any computer with a modem. (Contains 58 organizational and institutional Web sites.) (AEF)

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GUAM & MICRONESIA IN CYBERSPACE

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Guam, an unincorporated U.S. territory, is the economic and transportation hub for the Western Pacific region of Micronesia, which includes some 1,200 islands, islets and atolls, only about 125 of which are inhabited by a total of approx. 400,000 people. Micronesian islands include such exotic locales as Peleliu, Saipan, Yap, Chuuk/Truk, Pohnpei, Kapingamarangi, Majuro and Butaritari.

Guam itself is now home to about 150,000 residents and the destination of more than 1,000,000 tourists annually, who come from Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, and other places to enjoy its tropical climate, beaches and diving, and sophisticated nightlife. It's only three or four hours by air from Guam to Tokyo, Manila, Taipei and Seoul.

The population of Guam includes the indigenous Chamorro (or Chamoru) people, other Micronesia and Pacific islanders, Japanese, Filipinos and other Asians, U.S. military personnel and their dependents, and other "statesiders."

More than 6,000 miles west-southwest of Los Angeles, and a minimum seven-hour flight across the International Dateline from Honolulu, Guam is on the periphery of the American empire.

Guam appears in the national or international news when it suffers from a typhoon or earthquake, being located on "Typhoon Alley" and along the "Pacific Rim," and when the U.S. military uses it as a base from which to send its B-52s to bomb Hanoi or Baghdad or as a temporary holding pen to rescue Vietnamese or Kurds.

When a military need arises, Guam serves Washington's interests in Asia. But most of the time, Guam is forgotten in America.

The people of Guam expressed their wish to change their political relationship with Uncle Sam in a 1982 vote. The Guam Commonwealth Act, approved by Guamanians in a 1987 election, has gone nowhere in the U.S. Congress. In an Oct. 9, 1996 opinion editorial in the Washington Post, Guam Governor Carl Gutierrez, noting that Guam is on the United Nations list of colonies, observed, "Projecting military power from a colony sounds incredibly out of step with the 20th century, and indeed it is."

Frequently, Guam has been the object of disparaging humor, from Johnny Carson to David Letterman. In March 1996, Guam received some positive media coverage when its Congressional delegate, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, was named "Citizen of the Year' by the National Association for Bilingual Education for his efforts to derail the "English Only" bill which was approved in the U.S. House on Aug. 1, but not before Congressman Underwood succeeded in helping revise it to exempt indigenous languages, including the Chamoru language.

While it is remote from the U.S. mainland as well as on the far side of American consciousness—and America's conscience, Guam is now as near and immediate as any computer with a modem. Check out Guam and Micronesia on the Internet at some of the following URLs.

Please note, cyberspace addresses change from time to time and without notice, so some of the URLs shown here are likely to be revised, with or without new pointers.

Akash Shringi's Home Page
http://sfbox.vt.edu:10021/N/nsharma/akash.html
American Memorial Park, Saipan, CNMI
http://www.nps.gov/amer
Arlene Cohen's Home Page
http://uog2.uog.edu/rfk/accv.html
Arrow Archer (Guam AIDS prevention and education newsletter)
http://www.guam.net/pub/arrow

Cassidy the Wordsmith
http://www.guam.net/home/tkc
Chuuk Visitors Bureau, Chuuk, FSM
http://www.divetravel.com/c-chuuk.html
College of Micronesia, Pohnpei, FSM
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/danaleeling/comsci.htm
CocoNET Wireless
http://www.uq.oz.au/jrn/coco.html
English Language Institute, University of Guam
http://uog2.uog.edu/eli/index.html
F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School, Yigo, Guam
http://www.guam.net/edu/fblg
Federated States of Micronesia Government
http://fsmgov.org
Federated States of Micronesia Information
http://fsmgov.org/info.html
FullMoon Online Magazine of Palau
http://virtual.guam.net/fullmoon/index.html

Government of Guam
http://www.gov.gu
Guam Community College, Mangilao
http://linette.guam.net
Guam Legislature
http://www.guam.net/gov/senate
Guam Links from Kuentos Communications Inc.
http://www.guam.net/guamlink.html
Guam Small Business Development Center, University of Guam
http://uog2.uog.edu/sbdc/index.html

Harvest Christian Academy
http://virtual.guam.net/HCA/index.html
Island of Guam Aerial Photo
http://www.gov.gu/island.html
IT&E Talaya 2000
http://www.ite.net
Jason Alano's Home Page from Guam
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jalano

Joanne Tarpley Crotts' Home page
http://uog2.uog.edu/rfk/jtcv.html

Kiribati Home Page, Republic of Kiribati
http://www.earth.tohoku.ac.jp/kiribati/kiribati.html

KPRG (89.3 FM), Public Radio for Guam
http://www.guam.net/kprg

KUAM TV-8 and Radio 94 FM Jamz
http://virtual.guam.net/kuam/index.html

Kuentos Communications Inc.
http://www.guam.net

Latte Net
http://www.latte.net

Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam
http://uog2.uog.edu/marc/index.html

Micronesian Seminar, Pohnpei, FSM
http://microstate.com/micsem

Micronesian Zone Home Page
http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~robertsr/micro.htm

Microstate Network
http://microstate.com/microstate/homepage.htm

Mike Newman's Saipan, Saipan, CNMI
http://www.saipan.com/personal/mike_newman/MikesSaipan.html

Nauru Page, Republic of Nauru
http://www.tbc.gov.bc.ca/cwgames/country/Nauru/nauru.html

Pacific Below magazine (scuba diving)
http://www.pacbelow.com

Pacific Daily News, Agana, Guam
http://www.pdnguam.com

Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives
http://uog2.uog.edu/rfk/piala.html

Pacific Islands Internet Resources
http://www2.hawaii.edu/~ogden/piir/index.htm

Pacific Regional Aquaculture Information Service for Education
http://library.kcc.hawaii.edu/praise/pagetx.html

Pacific Stars & Stripes
http://www/twics.com/~stripes/home.html

Palau Visitors Authority, Republic of Palau
http://www.visit-palau.com

Ponape Agriculture and Trade School, Pohnpei, FSM
http://pats.edu

RMI Online, Republic of the Marshall Islands
http://www.clark.net/pub/rmiemb

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, University of Guam
http://uog2.uog.edu/rfk/rfkpage.html

Saipan DataCom Inc., Saipan, CNMI
http://www.saipan.com
Saipan SDA School, Saipan, CNMI
http://www.saipan.com/personal/sda/index.html
Simon Sanchez High School, Yigo, Guam
http://www.guam.net/pub/sshs
Tour of Pohnpei, Pohnpei, FSM
http://angwin.ece.uiuc.edu/pohnpei.html

U.S. Congressional Delegate from Guam, Robert A. Underwood
http://uog2.uog.edu/underwood.html
also, http://www.house.gov/underwood/welcome/html
U.S. National Weather Service Office, Tiyan, Guam
http://tgsv5.nws.noaa.gov/pr/guam/p1.htm
U.S. Naval Command, Guam
http://nisegq.nosc.mil
University of Guam / Unibetsedat Guahan, Mangilao, Guam
http://uog2.uog.edu
University of Guam Marine Laboratory
http://uog2.uog.edu/marinelab/marinelab.html
University of Guam Planetarium
http://www.guam.net/planet
Upi Elementary School, Yigo, Guam
http://www.guam.net/home/brown

Virtual Guam Net
http://virtual.guam.net/vghome.html
Virtual Tour of Guam
http://www.guam.net/guam/guam.html
War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam
http://www.nps.gov/wapa

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